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## **U.S. Nonimmigrant Application Visa Fees to Increase on June 4, 2010**

In order to cover increasing costs of providing highest-quality service for the processing of nonimmigrant visas, the U.S. Department of State will increase Machine-Readable Visa (MRV) fees worldwide starting on June 4. The U.S. Embassy in Manila will immediately begin collecting the new fees for appointments made for June 4 or later.

The new fee for tourist/business visas (B1/B2 category), seafarer/crew visas (C1/D), student visas (F), and exchange visitor visas (J) will be \$140 or the equivalent in pesos. The new MRV fee for work visas (H, L, O, P, Q, and R categories) will be \$150. Trader/investor visas (E) will rise to \$390. Fiancé/Spouse (K) visas will be \$350. All other nonimmigrant categories will be \$140.

Visa applicants with appointment interview dates on or after Friday, June 4, will be required to pay the new fees. Applicants with appointments before June 4 will pay for their visa fees at the current rate of \$131.

All applicants with an interview date of June 4 or later must pay the full MRV fee, even if they have already made an appointment and paid at the old rate of \$131. The Embassy requests that visa applicants who have already paid the MRV fee of \$131 for an appointment scheduled after June 4 pay for the difference in fees at the same bank branch where they made the initial \$131 payment. For instance, if you have already made a visa interview appointment for a tourist visa for Friday, June 4, and paid the MRV fee of \$131, you will need to pay the difference of \$9 before arriving at the Embassy on your appointment date. Applicants for other visa categories will need to pay the appropriate incremental fee difference. You will need to present both blue MRV fee receipts when you arrive at the Embassy (in this example, receipts for \$131 and \$9). You will not be allowed to enter the Embassy for your interview unless the full MRV fee has been paid. For more information on the new fees, visit [http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/types/types\\_1263.html](http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/types/types_1263.html).

The Embassy also reminds the public that the Consular Section is in the process of converting to an on-line visa application form, known as the DS-160, to replace paper application forms. The DS-160 is a form that has been in use at many other U.S. embassies and consulates for several months. The U.S. Embassy in Manila's conversion to the on-line form is unrelated to the worldwide visa fee increase. Please see the Embassy website at <http://manila.usembassy.gov/www3024.html> for information about the DS-160 on-line application form and instructions.

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